

Augustine once said that humility is the mother of all virtues. That's true because all other virtues flow from a heart of humility.

So, Going Directly to God must mean to go to Him the way he wants us to go to Him and not just assuming that it means to ignore everyone else.

B. The Problem – Why it is so devastating

Mary and the Priest in the confessional, etc. are seen as diversions away from God. And even if they are not diversions why should the Protestant even consider focusing on doing something that is second best when one can, in his way thinking, go to God the best way, the “direct way”?

When a Protestant claims to be “going directly to God” he is making several assumptions. To make matters much worse, he does not realize that he is making any assumptions and he thinks he is stating a self evident fact.

This has the disastrous effect of leaving him incapable of considering the validity of his assumptions since he does not even realize he is making one or more. His missteps in thinking have left him without an opportunity or motive to reconsider what “going directly to God” really means.

He becomes closed minded which is one of the most serious obstacles to spiritual growth and efforts to effectively evangelize him in this regard is usually wasted until we clarify for him what “Going Directly to God” really means.

Compounding this problem is the fact that many Catholic apologists will accept the Protestants’ definition that “Going Directly to God” really means to go on a solo journey.

Many Catholic apologists will, mistakenly in my opinion, immediately give reasons for praying to the Saints before clarifying what “Going Directly to God” really means.

And the Catholic’s failure to correct, or at least challenge, the Protestant’s underlying assumptions has the following consequences for the Protestant:

1. He fails **to recognize that he is making assumptions** about what “Going Directly to God” really means in God’s eyes.
2. He fails **to re-evaluate** the validity of the above assumption.
3. He **fails to have any compelling motive** to seriously consider the Catholic apologist’s argument for going to Mary, or to the Priest, or to the Church, because in his Protestant’s eyes he is already doing the right thing in the Best way possible, the “Direct Way.”

C. See Proposed Solution below

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Going Directly to God

What does it mean ?